Metro Railway, Calcutta

449. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will tht Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water has trickled down to the tracks of the Metro Railway in Calcutta recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the running of the Metro Railway is usually disrupted in the rainy reason; and

(c) if so, what precautions Government propose to take to prevent accidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. There have been only three occasions when Rail traffic in Metro was disrupted in the current rainy season. Remedial measures, such as pressure grouting of seepage points, filling up of space between diaphragm wall and box wall by sand to prevent heading up of water, and strengthening of pumping arrangements are being taken.

Transportation of Coal to Gujarat

450. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the demand put forward by Gujarat Government for different varieties of coal for the year 1986 and what is the allotment by coal industry and the capacity of railways to carry the same to Gujarat; and

(b) what was the requirement, actual allotment and delivery of different varieties of coal through the Railways during the last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Co-operation from voluntary agencies in family planning

451. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the new strategies adopted and implemented for family planning in the Seventh Five Year Plan in comparison to the Sixth Five Year Plan;

(b) what are the new voluntary agencies set up for the purpose;

(c) what are the details of the co-operation sought and received from these voluntary agencies, their names and their performance;

(d) the names of the States which have given a good performance in regard to family planning and the details of their programmes;

(e) the number of eligible couples going to be protected from reproductive cycle this year in the age group of 15—44; and

(f) what is the amount spent during the last three years on family planning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The new strategies adopted for implementation during 7th Plan period under Family Welfare Programme, include:

(i) Programme of Universal Immunisation for pregnant women and children;

(ii) Greater Flexibility in providing Assistance to voluntary organisations — raising the powers of sanctions at the State|UT level;

(iii) Providing assistance to States for innovative schemes under the Flexible Approach Scheme;

(iv) Constitution of a Task Force in the Ministry of Human Resources Development for raising the minimum age at marriage;

(v) A programme for training of IEC workers has been taken up in four States of U.P., Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar in the first phase. The Programme is likely to be extended to other States in due course.

(vi) Adoption of an Area Specific Approach with special focus on States having high fertility rates.

(b) and (c) This Ministry is encouraging the involvement of voluntary agencies in the fields of motivation, education and extension services for implementing the Family Welfare Programme.

(d) A set of statements showing state-wise and method-wise targets and achievements during 1985-86, is at Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix CXXXXIX, Annexure No. 26].

(e) 21.25 million acceptors (eligible couples) are targeted to be protected during the current year.

(f) The departmental figures of expenditure on family Welfare during the last three years are as follows:—

	(Rupees in Crores)
1983-84	382.98
1984-85	423.77
1985-86	485.72*

*Provisional.

Issue of licence for trawler industry

452. SHRI K. VASUDEVA PANICKER: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that delay in issuing licences has badly hit the trawler industry; and

(b) if so, what steps are being taken to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) There are two types of licences involved while procuring a fishing trawler. One for importing a trawler from abroad and the other relates to import of components while building a fishing trawler indigenously.

As regards licence for importing a trawler from abroad (CCP) there has been no un-due delay. There has however been some initial delay due to lengthy procedures for issuing import licence for import of components for building fishing trawlers indigenously. The same has been streamlined in January, 1986. It is expected that the new procedure will substantially cut down the time for issue of import licence to various indigenous shipyards. However efficacy of the system is under constant review by the Empowered Committee on Fishing Trawlers.

Medical Bill Racket in DTC

453. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have asked the Central Bureau of Investigation to investigate into the multi-crore medical bill racket operating in the Delhi Transport Corporation;

(b) what was the amount of reimbursement of medical bills in DTC for the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether some officers of the DTC have since been suspended pending investigations and if so, what are the details thereof;